they go. He is a very strict officer. Even if I transfer men from the Taluk Office to his office they don't want to go there. He is very strict and wants each to work in proper time.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* If he is so very strict, why is there delay in drawing the T.A. Bills ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabh *(Diwan Peishkar):* He is not delayed drawing T.A.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* There is delay.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is only one case. The T.A. for Meenam was drawn in Edavam, but the delay was not in his office, the delay was in my office. The clerk in charge of this section was on tour for Jamabandy work. He could come and attend to this work only after that. Therefore, it was passed and sent to him only on 31st Medam 1119. On the first and second days of a month we don't cash T.A. Bills. Only Pay and Pension are disbursed on these days generally. So he cashed the bill on 3rd Edavam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know how long this Gentleman has been there ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* When I went there he was there. I don't know how long he has been there before that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* We want the Government to give a definite answer.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member must understand that if he wishes particular information of that sort it is most unlikely that the Government can give it without notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I put that question because the answer was "when I went there, he was there".

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there anything irregular in an officer accummulating his T.A. and drawing it in a lump ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The rules don't allow it.

PAY-WARDS—TRICHUR CIVIL HOSPITAL

233. Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken any steps to add a pay-ward with at least 2 beds to the Civil Hospital, Trichur;

(*b*) if not, when will it be done?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) When building materials are more easily available.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* It is stated"when building materials are more easily available", may I know whether materials are easily available now ? Is there no convenient place in the Civil Hospital to provide for at least one or two rooms ?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* There is no room as a matter of fact in the Trichur Hospital premises at present to put up any additional building. Building materials are not easily available now.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Was there any bed in the hospital set apart for paying patients before ?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* None so far as I know.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* By converting one room into a paying ward, you can supply this want. That will be very helpful.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The side-rooms are there and there is no reason why patients should not be put there. But if these side-rooms are converted into pay-wards, unfortunately the amenities expected in the pay-wards will not be available. That will be another difficulty. Of course the Government will not have any objection in charging a patient who wants to pay.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* What are the special amenities ?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Amenities like special bath-room, etc.

ADOOR LEPER HOSPITAL

234. Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is there sufficient accommodation in the Adoor Leper Hospital for admission of all leper patients who are subjects of this State;

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(*b*) if not, whether immediate arrangements will be made to make sufficient accommodation there for them?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Arrangements will be made to make sufficient accommodation as and when funds permit.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* Those who cannot get accommodation in the Leper Hospital are wandering about and causing nuisance to the public. So is it not better at least to make some temporary arrangement to accommodate them instead of sending them astray?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* This question is engaging the attention of the Government, but the number of patients brought is so large, that it is not possible to house them in the Leprosy Hospital there. There are at present about 350 patients and as I said we are considering the question of extending provision for accommodating more patients but there are difficulties in the way. Anyway, we are looking into the matter.

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* May I have an approximate idea of the number of patients now roaming about for want of accommodation ?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I think there are about 4,500 leprosy patients in the State.

Mr. Shabai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will not this question be taken up when the Vagrancy Bill is taken up ?

Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* Does the number given include those who are cared for. I want to know the number of people who are wandering about.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* It is not available, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Was not a survey made about the roaming lepers and other lepers who are in their houses, etc ? A survey was made.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I want notice, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether in the present Adur Leper Asylum sufficient space to expand the buildings to house them is not available ?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What would be the approximate cost for putting up buildings to house about 500 more lepers ?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I am not able to answer that question, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know what the cost per leper now is ?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Rs. 10 a month.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* So for 500 lepers it would come to only Rs. 5,000 a month or Rs. 60,000 a year. Can't the Government spent it ?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* This is only with regard to the cost of maintenance. The difficulty is about finding buildings to accommodate them.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Have you made any estimate of the cost of the building that is to be put up ?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Government have an idea as to how much it would come to.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* What is that idea ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The cost of constructing building of the type of the building of the Leprosy Hospital at Adur will approximately come to, in the pre-war days, about Rs. 2 per square foot.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* We are not in a position to appreciate the answer given or understand it.

Mr. President: Order, order, I suggest that in such complicated and technical matter if the Hon'ble Member wants the information, it would be very much better for him to give sufficient notice, so that the Government may have the time to prepare the answer.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it not possible to house these roaming patients in a thatched shed ?

Mr. President: That suggestion is a useful one.

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Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I want notice, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has the Government negotiated with or approached the Salvation Army who are very anxious to expand their activities with reference to leprosy relief to see whether there is any possibility to get them to do the work by giving them an amount as is now being done?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* There are various difficulties with regard to the expansion. One is, above all the question of accommodation; besides there is no medical man available. It is not a correct view that if there is a building, we can run a Leprosy Hospital. Unless proper men are available, it serves no purpose in having a big Leprosy Hospital.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it not that more segregation of lepers than cure of lepers that should be sought for?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Government agree that a certain amount of segregation is essential, but Government do not think that all lepers should be segregated.

APPARATUS—TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC—TRICHUR

235. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) list of special apparatus and instruments got down for the use of tuberculosis clinic at Trichur;

(*b*) the approximate value of the same;

(*c*) whether any of them have not been put to use up-to-date?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) and (*b*)—

	Rs.	*A.*	*P.*
X-ray machine complete 1	8,218	8	0
Pneumothorax apparatus 2	137	8	0
Microscope 1	704	0	0
Thoracoscopes 2	2,382	12	0
Electric Centrifuge 1	180	0	0
Incubator 1	515	0	0
Hot Air Oven 1	450	0	0
Inspissator 1	383	8	0

(*c*) No.

ARTICLE IN THE "JENMABHOOMI" DATED 24TH SEPTEMBER 1944

236 Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):*

Whether the Government be pleased to state: (*a*) whether they have noted the following article in "ജന്മഭൂമി" dated 24th September 1944 "കാർത്യായനിക്കുട്ടിക്കു പറ്റിയത്"

(*b*) the action taken by the Government to redress the grievances pointed out in the article?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No action was taken as the allegations were found to be not true.

ARTICLE IN THE "JENMABHUMI" DATED 29TH KARKADAGAM 1119

237. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have come across the article in the "Jenmabhumi" dated 29th Karkadagam 1119 about the Mettur Mull and the Trichur Field Officers;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will they please state whether enquiries if any were made into this matter;

(*c*) what, if any, are the final orders on this?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Enquiries were made.

(*c*) The allegations were found to be baseless. No further order was passed.

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